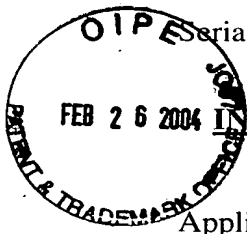


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Sir,

In response to the Office Action date December 1, 2003, for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending March 1, 2004 was set in which to respond, the following comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submitted in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely.

Listing and Amendments begin on Page 2 of this paper.

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